

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Real Estate

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DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE POLICY STATEMENT 2019-003

Credit For Pre-License Home Study and Online Distance Courses Begun On Or Before June 30, 2019

Section1-10 of the Real Estate License Act of 2000 (225 ILCS 454/1 et. seq.("Act")) defines "education provider" as a school licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("Department") to provide, among other instruction, pre-license courses as required by the Act. An "education provider" is the successor legal entity to "continuing education schools," and "pre-license schools" which were eliminated as of the January 1, 2018 effective date of Public Act 100-0188.

68 Ill. Adm. Code 1450.1215 provides that all pre-license school licenses shall expire on June 30, 2019 and shall not be renewed; and that all pre-license course license shall expire on June 30, 2019 and shall not be renewed unless they comply with the new criteria established at 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1450.1105.

To prevent undue hardship and unnecessary penalty, and recognizing the self-paced nature of these courses, the Department will confer pre-license education credit upon students who first enrolled in a home study or online distance education pre-license course prior to June 30, 2019, and who successfully complete such course on or before November 1, 2019. Any such pre-license course must have been actively licensed by the Department and offered by an actively licensed pre-license school prior to June 30, 2019. The Department reserves the right to require such evidence and documentation from both education providers and pre-license students in order to maintain the integrity of the pre-license education process and to ensure compliance with the pre-license education requirements.

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